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UREAS



Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Applicants elect Group II (claims 1-34 and claims 37-41) drawn to methods of using urea compounds such as the urea compounds of claim 35 and those within the compositions of claim 36 with traverse. Claim 35 defines less than 25 compounds and claim 36 defines compositions which contain these compounds. It would not be an undue burden to extend the search to these compounds which are all related as substituted hetaryl ureas.

Respectfully submitted,

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